

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claims 1-11. (Cancelled).

Claim 12. (Previously Presented) An antimicrobial composition consisting essentially of, by weight, based on the total weight of (a) and (b):

- (a) 40-60% of a mixture of 1,2-pentanediol, 1,2-hexanediol and 1,2-octanediol;
- (b) 40-60% phenoxyethanol; and
- (c) 0-10% of a co-biocide selected from the group consisting of sorbic acid, benzoic acid, dibromodicyano-butane, 1,2-benzisothiazolin-3-one, and mixtures thereof, wherein said antimicrobial composition is active against at least one of *E. coli*, *Staph aureus*, *P. aeruginosa*, *B. cepacia*, *C. albicans*, and *A. niger*.

Claim 13. (Previously Presented) An antimicrobial composition in accordance with claim 12 wherein the composition comprises 60% (a) and 40% (b).

Claim 14. (Currently Amended) An antimicrobial composition in accordance with claim 13 wherein [(1)] (a) comprises equal parts 1,2-pentanediol, 1,2-hexanediol and 1,2-octanediol.

Claim 15. (Currently Amended) An antimicrobial composition in accordance with claim 12 [(11)] wherein the co-biocide is present in the composition.

Claim 16. (Previously Presented) An antimicrobial composition in accordance with claim 15 wherein the co-biocide is sorbic acid or 1,2-benzisothiazolin-3-one.

Claim 17. (Previously Presented) An antimicrobial composition in accordance with claim 16 wherein the co-biocide comprises sorbic acid present in an amount of about 5-7%.

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Claim 18. (Currently Amended) An antimicrobial composition in accordance with claim 12 ~~[[11]]~~ wherein the composition comprises 40% (a) and 60% (b).

Claim 19. (Previously Presented) An antimicrobial composition in accordance with claim 18 wherein the co-biocide comprises sorbic acid present in an amount of about 5-7%.